

The director of the mint is endeavoring to increase the monthly coinage of gold and silver at all the mints.

Official figures on government receipts and expenditures for the last fiscal year show a deficit of \$25,203,743.

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The Ohio Oil Co., the Ohio branch of the Standard, will, it is said, reduce the wages of pumpers in all the Buckeye fields from \$55 to \$50 per month.

SINCE the opening of the presidential campaign the republican congressional committee has sent out more than thirteen million political documents.

On the 21st the O'Hara Waltham (Mass.) Dial Co. notified its employees that after August 29 the dial works would be closed indefinitely pending the advent of better times.

An entire absence of ostentation characterized the funeral of Miss Mary Abigail Dodge (Gail Hamilton), which was held from her late home in Hamilton, Mass., on the 20th.

Gov. Matthews of Indiana was able to be at his office in the state house for a short time, on the 18th, but went home as soon as he had disposed of a little pressing business. He seemed, however, to be slightly better.

The deadlock in the sixth democratic congressional convention at Los Angeles, Cal., was broken, on the 20th, after 130 ballots had been taken, by the withdrawal of two leading candidates, and later Harry Paulding, editor of the Capital, was nominated.

The air at Birmingham, N. Y., cooled with martial music on the 19th, the occasion being the grand parade of the Union Veterans' union, one of the features of the second day's session of the national encampment. There were about 500 veterans in line.

TREASURY gold reserve at the close of business on the 21st stood at \$102,725,677. The day's withdrawals at New York were \$61,730. During the previous ten days the treasury lost more than \$2,000,000 in gold at San Francisco by redemption of legal tenders.

A THIRTIETH edition of Treasury circular No. 273 was issued on the 20th. This time 30,000 copies were printed, which, with two former editions of 15,000 copies each, swell the total printed to date to 60,000. There is no apparent diminution in the demand for the circular.

W. BOURELIER, of New York, addressed an audience of 15,000 persons in Madison Square garden, New York city, on the night of the 18th, in answer to Wm. J. Bryan's speech accepting the presidential nomination delivered in the same place one week before.

The St. Petersburg astronomical expedition which was sent to Tornen, Finland, to observe the recent total eclipse of the sun, was very successful. Members of the expedition have telegraphed that they were able to get ten excellent photographs of the eclipse.

Among the distinguished callers on Maj. and Mrs. McKinley, at Weston, O., on the 17th, were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brand, of Missouri. The time spent at the McKinley home by Mr. and Mrs. Brand was apparently very agreeable to both the callers and to Maj. and Mrs. McKinley.

The Detroit (Mich.) law firm of Thompson, Thibault & Stevenson, comprised of Hon. Don M. Dickinson, Henry T. Thibault, private secretary to President Cleveland, and Elliott G. Stevenson, late chairman of the Michigan democratic state central committee, has dissolved on account of political differences.

It was announced, on the 18th, as an absolute fact, that the prince of Naples, the crown prince of Italy, had been betrothed to Princess Helene, third daughter of the prince of Montenegro. It was announced in February last with equal positiveness that Princess Helene had been betrothed to King Alexander of Serbia.

PROF. JOSIAH DOWD WHITNEY, of Harvard university, died in New London, N. H., on the 19th. He had been in poor health since the death of his wife, who died in 1894. He had been Sturgis-Brook professor of geology and metallurgy at Harvard since 1865, and was a prominent member of the American association and of the National Academy of Science.

The treasury gold reserve, on the 18th, declined to \$101,834,099. The day's withdrawals being \$155,196. At Philadelphia, on the 17th, the treasury received \$15,000 in gold in exchange for the new \$5 certificates. There was deposited at the assay office in Helena, Mont., on the 18th, \$10,000 of gold bullion, which came from the Yukon river mines in Alaska. It will be coined into eagles.

An entire locomotive plant will shortly be taken from Philadelphia to St. Petersburg, on the British steamship Laleham, which has been chartered for the purpose. The plant is to be erected at Nijni Novgorod, the commercial metropolis of the Russian empire. Contracts for machinery for the plant amounting to over \$500,000 were awarded to American manufacturers, the bulk of them going to Philadelphia firms.

It is said that Secretary Hoke Smith, just before he left Washington to join his family at Lincoln, N. C., received a letter from President Cleveland declining to accept Mr. Smith's proffered resignation of the interior department portfolio.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

PRIVATE advices received in Philadelphia, on the 18th, stated that out of the crew of 21 men on board the British bark Flora P. Stafford, which was burned at sea on June 8, while on a voyage from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Manila, the mate and five sailors are unaccounted for, and the general impression is that they have perished.

The electric lighting companies of St. Louis promise to have all lights restored in the tornado district by the 25th.

FIRE at Lancaster, Ky., on the 18th, destroyed all the buildings on the east side of the public square, including the post office. Loss, \$30,000, two-thirds of which is covered by insurance.

A DISPATCH from Athens, on the 19th, said that insurgents in Macedonia had burned two villages in the Kostoni district and massacred eighty persons.

AS the passengers on the steamer St. Paul, which sailed from New York, on the 19th, for Europe, were Senator-elect Joseph R. Foraker and Postmaster-General Wilson.

THE democratic state convention assembled in Pueblo, Col., on the 19th. There was a large attendance. George Thomas, who had been looked upon as the probable candidate for governor, created a sensation by sending a formal letter to the chairman positively declining to accept any nomination from the convention.

MAJ. MCKINLEY denied himself to all callers, on the 19th, and devoted the hours to the work of reading the proof of that part of his letter of acceptance which had been put into type. Almost one-half the letter had been revised.

ON the 19th a deputy state bank commissioner posted a notice on the closed doors of the Argentine Bank building, announcing that he had taken possession and that application for a receiver would be made.

A TERRIBLE boiler explosion took place in Rockford, Ill., on the 19th, when a boiler was being constructed. Contractor Wm. Fuller was blown 100 feet and probably fatally injured. John Holaday and John A. Metzger were terribly hurt, and 20 others were slightly injured.

A DISPATCH from the 19th, issued by the post office department, announced that the Creditors' Beneficial association of Rockford, Ill.

THE treasury gold reserve declined, on the 20th, to \$102,725,677. The day's withdrawals were \$61,730 and for the month they aggregated \$2,000,000.

PROF. M. A. GRINN, M. A., professor of geology at the University of Oxford, died in London on the 20th.

FIRE of an unknown origin, on the night of the 19th, destroyed the residence of John Feibich in Watertown, S. D. Mr. Feibich and two daughters, 12, 14 and 16, and his wife, were burned to death. The mother and another daughter escaped.

TEN Tonbridge Powder Co.'s mills at Herrington, Pa., exploded, on the 20th, killing E. J. Whitehead and injuring Peter Shick, Oliver Jones and John Kiebach. The mills were completely wrecked and the country surrounding was alarmed by the shock.

A HEAD-ON collision occurred, on the 20th, on the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad, near Foxville, Mich., between two passenger trains. Both engines were derailed and one fireman was seriously injured. Several cars were derailed. The accident was caused by the west-bound train failing to make a siding to let the east-bound train pass.

THE funeral of Sir John Mills, president of the Royal academy, who died in London on August 13, took place in St. Paul's cathedral on the 20th.

RAY SEWELL, who for a month had been confined in the Meade county jail at Hastings, made a desperate effort to escape, on the 20th, and was killed in an encounter with Fred Willard, a butcher of that town.

JACOB L. LEE, a well-known farmer, committed suicide by hanging at his home, near Marshboro, N. J., on the 20th. The farm hands returning from the field found him hanging from a beam in the hay mow. His mind was probably unbalanced by the silver agitation, which had given him great concern.

RANSOM W. DUNHAM, of Chicago, who was visiting friends at Springfield, Mass., died of apoplexy on the night of the 19th, aged 58 years. Mr. Dunham was an ex-congressman, having served in the national house in 1884-5. He was also ex-president of the Chicago board of trade.

THE Jerusalem Celebration society, whose object is a pilgrimage of American Sunday-school children to the Holy Land in 1909, has been launched. The project is Rev. Frederick B. Bliss of Chicago. Mr. Bliss was the originator of the Youth's congress of the Columbia expedition.

HARRY N. WING, book-keeper at the State savings bank, Butte, Mont., was arrested, on the night of the 20th, on the charge of embezzling funds from the bank to the amount of \$5,475. Wing is a young man with a wife and child, having been in the employ of the bank a number of years.

THE 20th was the hottest day ever experienced in Oklahoma. From noon to five o'clock the mercury indicated from 105 to 115, and the people suffered intensely, but no fatalities were reported. For a few hours parking and almost unbearable hot winds prevailed from the south.

A STATE torpedo that gives promise of wonderful destructive possibilities, and which is claimed to possess many of the elements that have heretofore been striven after in vain by torpedo builders, will be given a trial in the Potomac river at Washington by the navy department.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### An Excellent Showing.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Christian churches of Pettis county was held at Hughesville, the attendance being large. The next annual meeting will be held at Dresden in August, 1907. The annual report of the secretary-treasurer showed an active church membership of 1,929, an increase of 253 the past year, supplemented by an array of Sunday scholars, numbering 1,307. Of this number Sabbath families, 1,000 church members and 700 Sunday school scholars. The total amount paid for church, Sunday school and mission purposes was \$10,050 and the valuation of church property is \$20,000.

Gold Reported in a Recent Case. There has been great excitement at Mansfield and vicinity recently over the reported discovery of gold and the finding simultaneously of the largest cave in the world near the new town of Hudson, on the St. Louis, Mansfield & Ava Southern railroad, now building between Mansfield and Lebanon. Portions of talciferous found in one of the caverns were found to contain gold. The largest cave heretofore discovered in south Missouri was found in Stone county two years ago, but it is a baby compared with this Hudson discovery. If half what has been told of it is true.

Prospects for Corn in Missouri. The Missouri weather crop bulletin issued on the 18th said: "Early corn has matured rapidly, and in a few localities is being cut. Late corn has dried up, and in some counties will not make more than 1 1/2 a crop even with favorable conditions from now on; in some localities it is already being cut to save the fodder. The early corn crop in some districts will be considerably below an average. Pastures are getting very dry, and water is failing in some localities. Winter apples are falling badly. Cattle are being injured by the drought and oil worms."

An Old Citizen of Howard. Judge James McCallister, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Howard county, died at Union, Mo., where he was visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. O. Morris. He was born in Columbus, O., September 17, 1816. He was judge of the county court of Howard county for nearly ten years. He was the father of Mrs. John A. Winn, of Fayette, and Hiram McCallister, of Hot Springs, Ark. His remains were taken to Fayette and interred in the city cemetery.

Save the Time That Comes. At a session of the North of West Colored Baptist association, held at Polk, Mo., a resolution was adopted withdrawing the hand of fellowship from any minister who was divorced and married a second time. Rev. Mr. White, who introduced the resolution, said that the time had come for the people to endeavor to save their moral stock, and that he considered this an important step in the right direction.

New Enterprise at Nevada. Nevada has secured another large zinc smelter works to be erected by George E. Nicholson, who was for a number of years superintendent of the Robert Lanyon smelter at that place, which lately went into the hands of a syndicate. The new works are to be constructed upon the latest plans, with ten furnaces, and will employ 100 men. The works are to be completed by January 1.

Dead Away From Home. Ex-postmaster Perry Hawes, of Nevada, died at Asheville, N. C., where he had been visiting. He was 61, and in 1867 published and edited the Nevada Times. He was a prominent republican, and was postmaster from 1868 until 1876. The interment occurred at Xenia, O.

A Street-Car Baby. Mrs. Mary Mackland, 816 Rutger street, St. Louis, became a mother in a street car. The baby is a boy, and was named after the superintendent of the road, who promises to give him a job as a street-car conductor as soon as he is old enough.

Mill Blown to Atoms. The mill of T. T. Miller, six miles northeast of El Dorado Springs, was blown to atoms by a boiler explosion. T. T. Miller and William Heins were instantly killed, and the Vernon Brown horribly scalded, and will probably die.

Boys Charged with Robbery. Joseph McInerney and Charles Barnes, aged 14 and 17, respectively, were arrested at Denver, Worth county, by a United States deputy marshal on the charge of robbing the post office at that point a short time ago.

Passed Away. Louis P. Marx, an old resident of Webb City, died of consumption. He had been city marshal, street commissioner and a member of the city council.

Col's New Courthouse. The laying of the corner stone of the new \$200,000 county courthouse at Jefferson City took place in the presence of a large crowd.

Spider Bites Cause Blood-Poisoning. The two-months-old child of Michael Maroney, a railway engineer, residing at Sedalia, was bitten by a spider and died of blood poisoning.

Beautiful Lafayette Park. Lafayette park, St. Louis, has been thrown open to the public again. While damaged by the tornado, it is still a beautiful spot.

An Unprecedented Drought. An unprecedented drought has prevailed in Taney county. No rain has fallen since June 24. The corn is as brown as in winter.

Death Came Suddenly. Louis Janis, one of the oldest residents of Boone Terra and a descendant of an old French family, died the other day quite suddenly.

## FOUR WEEKS OF SPEECHES.

### The Heavy Task Senator Cockrell Has Cheerfully Undertaken in Missouri.

Senator Francis Marion Cockrell, of Missouri, is going to do four weeks of the hardest kind of campaigning in this state in the interest of free silver coinage and the democratic ticket, beginning September 7, says the St. Louis Republic. He will visit 21 counties, making one speech every day, and on one day delivering two in different towns in the same county.

The senator was seen at the Planter's hotel by a reporter for the Republic. He said he was never in better health or in such fine fettle for work on the stump. His son, who has been seriously ill, has the springs in Arkansas, and when he left him he was rapidly recuperating. The list of assignments submitted to the state committee by the senator is as follows:

Monday, September 7, Butler, Bates county.  
Tuesday, Nevada, Vernon county.  
Wednesday, Lamar, Barton county.  
Thursday, Greenfield, Boone county.  
Friday, Mount Vernon, Lawrence county, and Aurora, Lawrence county, 8 p. m.  
Saturday, Billings, Christian county.  
Monday, September 14, Galena, Stone county.  
Tuesday, Ozark, Christian county.  
Wednesday, Forsyth, Taney county.  
Thursday, Springfield, Greene county, 3 p. m.  
Friday, Ava, Douglas county.  
Saturday, Gainesville, Ozark county.  
Monday, September 21, Hartsville, Wright county.  
Tuesday, Seymour, Webster county.  
Wednesday, Hannuville, Polk county.  
Thursday, Hermitage, Hickory county, 3 p. m.  
Friday, Stockton, Cedar county.  
Saturday, Clinton, Henry county.  
Monday, September 28, Perryville, Perry county.  
Tuesday, Jackson, Cape Girardeau county.  
Wednesday, Marble Hill, Bollinger county.  
Thursday, Fredericktown, Madison county.  
Friday, Farmington, St. Francois county.  
Saturday, Hillsboro, Jefferson county.

SENATOR TILLMAN Thinks the Election of Bryan a Foregone Conclusion.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—A special from Harrisburg says Senator Tillman of South Carolina passed through Harrisburg today on his way to the farmers' encampment at Mount Gretna, and was in a talkative mood. When asked what he would do with Bryan, he said: "Well, now, that's a hard one; but I suppose we will let him stay on the ticket. Whatever the result of the contest for vice-president between Sewall and Watson, all will be for the Bryan mill, and it's for Bryan we want to elect. Watson will get a few electoral votes that Sewall won't get, and vice versa, and Bryan will be the beneficiary."

"How do you find the financial sentiment in the west?" the senator was asked.

"So tinged with a silver lining that the gold bugs won't have half a chance."

"Then you think the chances of Bryan's election are rosy?"

"Of course I do. The goldbugs will carry everything here in the east, but in the west and south they will not have a hard time counting their votes on the night of November 2. We don't expect to yield all the eastern states to the goldbugs, either, without a fight and we may give the other fellows a scare in New York state."

"How about South Carolina?"

"Oh, everything is so much one way down there as to be monotonous," he replied with a laugh.

## DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CLUBS.

More than One Thousand Will be Represented in the Convention in St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—A bulletin issued by the National Association of Democratic clubs states that applications for membership in the national association were received from 24 new clubs yesterday, Virginia leading the list. Each application is accompanied by the statement that the membership includes men who have heretofore been identified with the republican party, but some of the letters also note the fact of disaffection among the democratic ranks.

New Jersey is said to be actively engaged in the preliminary steps of club organization, especially in the leading farming counties of the state. Hudson, the banner democratic county of the state, is alleged to be "red hot" for the free coinage of silver, and has already 27 clubs, most of them being enrolled as members of the national association. It is claimed that 1,000 clubs will send full delegations to the convention of democratic league clubs at St. Louis September 3. Nebraska promises to have 100 clubs represented. Massachusetts and Vermont sent in several applications yesterday.

To Reduce the Wages of Pumpers. A Toledo, O., Aug. 22.—A special from North Baltimore, O., says that it is the intention of the Ohio Oil Co., the Ohio branch of the Standard, to reduce the wages of pumpers in all the Buckeye fields from \$55 to \$50 per month.

## WARP OF THE CHINESE.

Books are read backward and any notes are inserted at the top. The spoken language is not written and the written language is not spoken. The Chinese surname comes first and they shake their own hand instead of the hand of the person introduced.

The men wear skirts and the women trousers; the men wear their hair long, while the women cut theirs into a knot. White is used for mourning and bridesmaids always wear black and instead of being young maidens are old women.

## BRYAN'S SPEECH.

### Criticism of Leading Journals on the Democratic Candidate's Acceptance.

Mr. Bryan's speech was calm and conservative.—N. Y. Mercury.

The speech was, in truth, one of the most effective and well considered that could have been devised.—Brooklyn Citizen.

A rather lengthy, but an able and ingenious statement of the theories and convictions embodied in the Chicago platform.—Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Bryan's speech was a model in its way, and just the speech for the occasion—to produce the right effect.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

The conservatism of his New York speech is to be commended. In appealing to the reason of the American people he has done the most patriotic thing he has done since he was nominated.—Columbus Dispatch.

It is safe to say that Mr. Bryan said nothing which can injure his chances of election and the great demonstration in his honor will probably increase the enthusiasm among his followers in all parts of the country.—Atlanta Journal.

It will be ridiculed by the critics and its fallacies will be exposed, but it will stick. It is the kind of speech to arouse the enthusiasm of those people to whom it is mainly addressed; and delivered in New York, it will shake McKinleyism to its center.—Mobile Register.

His bitterest opponents may search his address in vain for a phrase which in the remotest degree suggests the communism and anarchism of which they accuse him. They may seek it without finding a sentence which is merely correct, a phrase which is not part of the train of logic by which he has demonstrated the validity of his doctrine.—N. Y. Journal.

The oration was an argument for free silver. The orator has taken the leading place on the debate of the campaign, even though he does not again open his mouth. The speech will take its place as the foremost campaign document of the struggle. The whole ground is covered, and really covered. The candidate's grasp of the great situation is complete, and Napoleon. His speech is not only an oration, but like all great speeches, it is a text book.

"It reads," Detroit News.

It is a mighty argument, submitted to the conscience and intelligence of an aroused and patriotic people. It deals not at all in rhetoric or flowers of speech, but plainly and clearly discusses the great economic questions before the people, which the candidate makes the one supreme issue of the battle, and does it modestly and with convincing logic, irresistible facts and consummate mastery of the potential force of the English language.—Pittsburgh Post.

Mr. Bryan's speech was a strong, statesmanlike defense of his platform. It was calm and argumentative in tone and appealed to the nobler, not the baser, sentiments and aspirations of the people. The four of the democratic candidate has been benefited. It has demonstrated that this country is not divided by sectional lines. The plain people of all sections think and feel alike. They have common opinions and aspirations. It has proved to the eastern people that the candidate for popular suffrage who has been pictured to them as a disturber and visionary demagogue is one of themselves and an earnest, thoughtful patriot honestly seeking the welfare of the whole country.—St. Louis Republic.

Mr. Bryan's speech in New York is a significant, manly and courageous presentation of the views which he is championing in behalf of the great majority of the people of this country. The character of the man shines through it. Logical, clear and comprehensive, it is simple in language and apt in illustration. The tone is high. The sentiments are American. It appeals to the intellect as well as to the emotions. It does nothing. Every issue is squarely met with the force of a man gifted with the loftiest powers, skilled in the marshaling of argument, inspired by the greatness and righteousness of his cause and alive with the knowledge that upon the outcome of the pending conflict depends in large measure the future, not only of the American people, but of the human race.—Denver Times.

When the plain people of the United States see the Standard Oil magnates, the sugar trust agents, the Wall street speculators and the corporation attorneys deserting the democratic camp and going over to the McKinley camp they know what it means. It is an object lesson of irreparable value in the political education of the people. It is this, in connection with the affirmative declarations of the Chicago platform and the popularity of the candidates placed upon it that has done so much in the last month to solidify the farmers, the laboring men and the working people generally in support of the democratic ticket.—Illinois State Register.

Mr. Hanna continues to put none but millionaires on guard.—Chicago Chronicle.

"Did old Grumpey make much of a kick when you asked him for his daughter?" "Did he make much of a kick?" The doctor says I am threatened with curvature of the spine.—Detroit Free Press.

This will be a memorable year for the publication of the reminiscences of celebrated actresses. Bernhardt, Duse, Ellen Terry and Mme. Ristori are all putting the finishing touches on their autobiographies, which are to be published in the autumn. Probably Mrs. Ristori's book will be the most interesting, for she has been almost as great a figure in society as on the stage.

A London publisher announces a new and full edition of Carlyle's works in 20 large octavo volumes. It is to be called the "centenary edition," and H. D. Traill is to edit it.

## FIGHT IN A CHURCH.

### A Newspaper Reporter Attacks a Preacher in His Pulpit—The Deacons Rush to the Rescue, and a Lively Fisticuff Encounter Follows—The Minister's Frenzied Denunciation of Popular Vice the Cause of the Attack.

MACON, Ga., Aug. 24.—A sensation was created in the leading Methodist church in this city last night, caused by a difficulty between Rev. Alonzo Monk, pastor of the church, and Tilden Adamson, a reporter of the Daily Telegraph.

Mr. Adamson reported the reverend gentleman's sermon last Sunday, which was pronounced by the pastor to be incorrect. But at last night's service Mr. Monk, in his sermon, was particularly severe on the reporter and reflected on him in such a manner as to cause Mr. Adamson to resent it at the end of the sermon. Going to the pulpit the young gentleman demanded an explanation of the preacher's remarks. An exchange of words ensued between the two, whereupon they grappled each other.

Deacons of the church rushed forward, and an exchange of blows between them and the reporter followed. The newspaper man stood firm and defended himself as best he could against odds. Police were sent for. The congregation was greatly excited, more than a thousand persons being present.

Women and men stood on tip-toe to watch the outcome of the scuffle. Finally order was restored, but the services were somewhat shortened by the scene.

Mr. Monk has been particularly severe on the bar rooms and lewd houses of the city, and his language has been the topic of discussion for a week. The trouble last night is really an outcome of his sermon on the bar rooms of Macon. Mr. Monk is one of the ablest ministers in the Methodist church, and while many people approve his severe attack on the lower elements of society, there are others who condemn it as ill-advised and in temperate.

## FOREST FIRES.

Threaten the City of New Westminster, B. C.—World's Premium Wheat Fields in Danger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—A special to the Call from Vancouver, B. C., says:

"Bush fires are raging with unabated fury in the mainland of British Columbia. New Westminster is surrounded, and as firemen cannot be at all places at once, it is feared some part of the city will be destroyed by the oncoming flames in spite of them."

At the Burnaby city limits, at Eighth avenue, at the Sapperton city limits and on the Pitt River high road, flames are reaching out to the city from every part of the compass, and should rain not come and wind spring up in the wrong direction nothing can save portions of the city from being destroyed.

The long-suffering farmers of the lowlands of Westminster district met yesterday in large numbers and decided to unite in petitioning both the provincial and federal governments to deepen and dyke the river. The most prominent speakers stated that this must be done or all ranches along the valley subject to floods would be abandoned to the tax collector. As wheat grown on this land took first prize, with all the world in competition, at the World's fair, such a sequel to the floods would be disastrous to the whole province.

## STORMS IN INDIANA.

Do Great Damage in Many Localities—Killed by Lightning.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 23.—A storm of great violence struck the city shortly after seven o'clock last evening, accompanied by a wind of hurricane force and rain in torrents. Much damage was done to the foliage, and many stables and sheds were unroofed, but so far as reported nobody was injured. In some of the lower portions of the city the streets were turned to running rivers and the street-cars were blocked, while all other traffic was entirely suspended.

Pogue's Run, a large open sewer running through the center of the city, went out of its banks and flooded numerous cellars along its course.

ALBION, Ind., Aug. 23.—A terrific rain, accompanied by wind, hail and lightning, passed over this city last evening. The cornice on Black's three-story brick block was blown off and many skylights were broken by the hail.

## A FATAL RIVER.

Grows Out of a Free Silver Discussion in West Virginia.

CEREDOS, W. Va., Aug. 24.—Forty miles south of here on Kinas creek, in the extreme southern part of Wayne county, a riot occurred Saturday evening between a number of men who had congregated at a cross roads. The trouble was brought about by a discussion of the financial question, and as a result Harris Tomlinson is dead, he having been stabbed several times about the body with a knife. There were more than a dozen persons engaged in the difficulty, all of whom were more or less injured.

## EMOTIONAL Meeting of Railroad Brotherhood.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 24.—The public union meeting of the railroad brotherhood yesterday was of a sensational character by reason of the defenses of Chief Arthur and Grand Master Sargent to the charges of Eugene V. Debs in the past few years and especially because the meeting was held at Debs' home. The local trade unions deliberately snubbed the meeting, which called forth remarks by the grand officers. Slight references were made to the political issues of the day.